

and promoting technological improvement to improve energy efficiency have led to an increase in energy efficiency of the urea producing industry by 12-13% over the last 15 years as has been noted in the report of the High Powered Review Committee on Fertilizer Pricing.

**Environment projects launched between 1996—2000**

1414. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the environment projects launched by Government in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) the funds earmarked for those projects and the amount allocated by Government for those projects;

(c) the actual amount spent on those projects; and

(d) the year-wise and the project-wise break-up thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing several schemes under which large number of projects are taken up. Year-wise plan allocation and expenditure from 1996-97 to 1999-2000 are given below.

| Years     | Budget<br>Estimates | Revised<br>Estimates | Actual<br>Expenditure |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1996-1997 | 469.40              | 456.39               | 429.28                |
| 1997-1998 | 543.70              | 440.00               | 406.70                |
| 1998-1999 | 704.09              | 468.00               | 498.05                |
| 1999-2000 | 700.00              | 610.00               | 551.74                |

**Damage to forests corridor in Orissa, M.P., Bihar, W.B.**

1415. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that forest corridor connections between Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal are getting severely damaged due to illicit forest clearance, mining, etc.;